

Another Nighttime Copper Downspout Attempted Theft

Homeowner's Barking Dog Likely Scared Away the Would-Be Thief

On Wednesday evening (April 13) at about 10:30 p.m., the residents of a home on Primrose Street between Connecticut and Brookville turned off their downstairs lights and were going upstairs to retire for the night. As they climbed the stairs, their dog—who rarely barks—began barking incessantly and excitedly toward the rear of the house. The residents quickly turned on their outdoor floodlights and lit up the back yard. The homeowners saw nothing suspicious so they went to bed.

The next morning, the residents noticed a black plastic drainage pipe sitting on the grass in the back yard. The residents soon realized that the pipe had been attached to the bottom of a nearby downspout to allow the rainwater to flow away from the foundation—but it had been removed from the downspout. The resident then noticed that the downspout had been pulled away forcefully from the house wall and was partially detached. It was then that the resident realized that their dog must have been barking at the sounds made by the thief the previous evening. Evidently, the thief ran off before he was able to fully remove the downspout from the house.

The nighttime theft of copper gutters and downspouts has been occurring in the area in recent weeks. This is the fourth report of such activity in the Village in two weeks. Residents are urged to call the police immediately if they hear any noise at night; Village police officers will respond immediately and investigate.